

SOCIETY OF MARY

Marists in the United States

Justice & Peace Alert

January 8, 2021



The Marists are inspired by and support Cardinal Gregory's statement regarding the events that occurred at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC on January 6, 2021.

Statement of Cardinal Wilton Gregory on the Protests at the U.S. Capitol

"Our United States Capitol is sacred ground and a place where people over the past centuries have rightly demonstrated, representing a wide variety of opinions. We Americans should honor the place where our nation's laws and policies are debated and decided. We should feel violated when the legacy of freedom enshrined in that building is disrespected and desecrated.



I pray for safety - of our elected officials, staffers, workers, protestors, law enforcement personnel, and neighbors to the United States Capitol. There are injuries and tremendous harm, including reports about the loss of life. Together, we must intentionally pause and pray for peace in this critical moment. The divisive tone that has recently so dominated our national conversations must change. Those who resort to inflammatory rhetoric must accept some responsibility for inciting the increasing violence in our nation.

We are called to be a people of democratic values that respect the opinions of others, even when we disagree with them. As people of faith seeking to bring our Lord into this world by how we live, we must acknowledge the human dignity of those with whom we disagree and seek to work with them to ensure the common good for all."

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church



This free 4-session virtual discussion, hosted by Our Lady of Assumption's (Atlanta, Georgia) Saturday Morning Men's Group, will examine the presence of racism in this country. It will also explore how Catholic social teaching has been used, or not used, to combat racism and promote reconciliation and justice. The discussion group is based on Fr. Bryan Massingale's book, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* and will be facilitated by Ashley Morris, Associate Director of the Office of Intercultural Ministries in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Learn more about these discussion sessions [here](#).



Racism and the Catholic Church (by Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT))

The Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) is honored to host Shannen Dee Williams, PhD, to address the issue of racism and the Church, **online** via Zoom.

The Archdiocese of Washington is holding a Virtual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr Day Celebration on Saturday, January 15, 2021.

Learn more about this event **[here](#)**.



Death penalty and federal executions

According to the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons, there have been 47 federal executions carried out since 1927. Ten of those took place from July to December 2020. It was in this context that Archbishop Paul S.

Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, asserted in early December that: "We are all sinners. Some have done terrible things. Victims need help. Justice is needed for peace. But executions solve nothing."

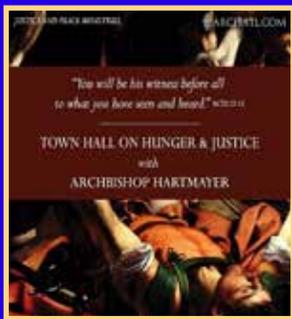
With three more executions slated for this month, there is an urgent call for education and action on this issue. An online dialogue titled, "**Killing in Our Name Federal Executions and Pro-life Witness**," is being offered this Friday by Georgetown's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life and the Catholic Mobilizing Network.

Panelists include Bishop Daniel Flores, Bishop of Brownsville and the chair-elect of the USCCB's Committee on Doctrine; Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, executive director of the Catholic Mobilizing Network, which seeks to end the use of the death penalty in the United States and promotes restorative justice; and Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, a leading advocate for the abolition of the death penalty who has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions.

Learn more about this session **[here](#)**.

To send a request to President Trump to exercise mercy and stop the individual executions, visit the **[Take Action page of the Catholic Mobilizing Network](#)**.

To take part in a virtual prayer vigil on the date of each scheduled execution, RSVP **[here](#)**.



Town Hall on Hunger & Justice with Archbishop Hartmayer, OFM

On January 26, 2021, participate in a **reflection and dialogue** on global hunger and justice with Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv. Hear about the work Catholic Relief Services is doing around the world to help our brothers and sisters suffering from hunger and malnutrition and learn what you can do to support that work.

New Book: 'Advancing Nonviolence'

New book highlights women leaders who advance the practice of nonviolence by pursuing open and sincere dialogue.



Join the Archdiocese of Chicago's Immigration Ministry of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity in prayer and discussion on issues of migration in a respectful virtual environment. As missionary-disciples, explore how we can respond to Christ's call to give welcome. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matt. 25:35)

Each session includes prayer, a documentary viewing and moderated group discussion. Learn more [here](#).



Border Agencies Prepare for Change

Immigrant social service agencies on the U.S.-Mexico border are preparing for rapid changes in the months ahead.

Catholic magazine highlights how people 'found God in a troubled year'



How To Avert a COVID-19 Global Debt Crisis

Wider, deeper debt relief and the issuance of Special Drawing Rights are needed to address the **global economic crisis** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Contemplation in the New Year

In the new year, share the blessing of your time, Pope writes



Sacred Heart UNIVERSITY

Sacred Heart University College of Arts and Science:
Center For Catholic Studies
Human Journey Colloquium
Series Spring 2021



Society of Mary Sustainability Covenant

This is the work of the Ecological Commission, adopted by the Society of Mary General Council in September 2020. This document is a sample of what is to be adapted and implemented according to what is locally possible in the Society of Mary provinces worldwide.

Online Ecumenical and Interreligious Guidebook Launch and Webinar

Catholic Climate Covenant, along with their partners, invites you to a virtual book launch and related webinar for: Ecumenical and Interreligious Guidebook: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME -- Jointly published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers, and Catholic Climate Covenant



Creighton University to divest fully from fossil fuels within 10 years



Laudato Si at 5 years

Join the Collegium Institute & The Pontifical Council for Culture as we reflect on Pope Francis' vision in his encyclical, Laudato Si in this online event.